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Dear Sir

Learning just now by accident, that there was intelligence of the Liberty, I hastened to Mr. McKean to know the Amount of it with the intention of communicating it to you, & was inf.d by him that you were at the Marshall House. And then I was mortified to find you had been in Town since Friday & had departed thro' Mt. for Balte. — I wished very much to see you, & have lost, perhaps, some advantage in not knowing you were here. But it may be repairable, with a little loss of time only. — It may & probably will be very useful to me to have an expression from you as Pres.t, & from Col. Kearney, as Engr., of the opinion & confidence entertained in the sufficiency of my Timber-curing process